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1. (SBU) The GONL will support the Provincial Justice Coordination Mechanism (PJCM) at the July 2-3 Rome Rule of Law Conference on Afghanistan. MFA Afghanistan Desk Officer Jurian Muller said the Dutch are working on a multi-year pledge for the Multilateral Funding Mechanism; this pledge is currently before Development Minister Bert Koenders for approval. Koenders also will lead the Dutch delegation at the Rome conference. According to Muller, Dutch bilateral assistance to the Afghan justice sector for 2007 has amounted to approximately 3 million euros, with an emphasis on transitional justice. Muller discussed reftel points with polmiloff on June 28.

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